

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Intimations.

**BANK HOLIDAY.**

**THE** Undermentioned **BANKS** will be **CLOSED** for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. **TO-MORROW**, the 22nd Instant:-  
For the **CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA.**

AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, ...  
 T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
 Manager, Hongkong.  
 For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
 CORPORATION,  
 T. JACKSON,  
 Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.  
For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,  
LIMITED,  
J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
For the BANQUE D'INDO-CHINE,  
Hongkong Agency,  
L. SIMON,  
Acting Manager.  
For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,  
HONGKONG,  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1866. 1837

**INSURANCE HOLIDAY.**  
**HONGKONG RACES.**

OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant —

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
General Agents,  
**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.**  
—General Managers,  
**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.**  
**N. J. EDE,**

Secretary,  
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LD.  
L. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Acting Agent,  
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary,

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.  
SHEWAN & CO.,  
Agents,  
YANOTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.  
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,  
Acting Secretary,  
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.  
WM. MACBEAN,  
Manager,

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1895. £350



HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.  
RACE MEETING, 1895.  
TO-MORROW, the 22nd February.

Tickets of Admission to the GRAND  
STAND at ENCLOSURE may be obtained  
from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ld. Price 3s,  
for the Meeting.  
Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the  
Gate; Price, 2s each.  
No one admitted without a Ticket, to be  
shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.  
THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of

the presence of the LADIES at the  
GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the  
Races on the 22nd instant.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1866. [218]

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**  
**NO SERVANTS** will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the Race Days without tickets, which can be had on application to the Under-Secretary.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Court.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1896 [349]

**DIOCESAN SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.**  
SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on  
MONDAY, the 24th instant.

For Terms for BOARDERS or DAY.  
SCHOLARS, apply to THE HEAD MASTER.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1896. [357]  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE  
COMPANY LIMITED

**THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the Registered Offices of the COMPANY, 18 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on **TUESDAY**

On the 25th instant, at Eleven A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 26th

By Order, **HART BUCK,**  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1866. [336]

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
**THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of**  
**SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the

OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 14, Praya Central,  
on **TUESDAY**, the 25th February, 1896, at  
4 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending on the 31st December, 1895.  
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. COOK,  
Acting General Manager,  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1922.



To-day's  
Advertisements.

## JUST LANDED.

A LARGE and Varied Stock of best FRENCH SWEETS from the COM. PAGNE FRANCAISE, as follows:—  
ALMONDS FLOTTES, COCOA TIMES, ROSE BURNT ALMONDS, MIXED TIMES, MARZIPAN ALMONDS, APRICOT TIMES, RASPBERRY GUM DROPS, ITALIAN BISCUITS, etc.  
CRYSTALLIZED MIXED FRUITS in FANCY BOXES 10% Discount for Cash.  
H. RUTTENJEE, 13, D'Almeida Street.

KOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.  
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A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [368]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.  
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "SINGAN," Captain Price, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [371]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "FOOCHOW," Captain Blackburne, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [372]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR AMOY, FOOCHOW AND SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "KANSU," Captain Schererville, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [373]

FOR SHANGHAI—  
THE Steamship "NANYANG," Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [374]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship "TSINAN," Captain Ramsay, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [375]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TAIWAN, etc.)  
THE Steamship "AIRLIE," Captain Rock, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions throughout the voyage. A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [376]

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).  
THE Steamer "CHING PING," Captain Blake, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [377]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Steamer "KWEIYANG," Captain Dawson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [378]

To-day's  
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, the 7th March, 1896,  
GRAND OPENING NIGHT  
OF THE  
WILLARD OPERA COMPANY  
AND  
JOHN F. SHERIDAN,  
ENGLAND'S GREATEST COMEDIAN.

In Consequence of the Enormous Expense  
FOR TWELVE NIGHTS ONLY.

Mr. SHERIDAN is absolutely the first STAR of any MAGNITUDE who has ever visited the East, and is recognized by the entire English Press as the Premier Character Comedian of the day.  
Prices:—\$2, \$3 & \$4.  
BOX PLAN at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, L.D.  
SEASON TICKETS admitting to the Series of Twelve Performances \$25 ONLY. NOT TRANSFERABLE.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [365]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.  
IT is proposed to hold the ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING under A. A. Rules on SATURDAY, 21st March.  
E. D. SANDERS,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [366]

Intimations.  
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.  
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.  
SODA WATER.  
LEMONADE.  
GINGER ALE.  
SARSAPARILLA.  
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.  
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MINISTERS and other Large Consumers.  
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1896. [1650]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LIST, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner. Wines of very superior Vintages. All are pure Xmas Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1896. [1651]

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 1896.  
TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph)  
ANOTHER FRENCH VICTORY!  
SHANGHAI, 21st February, 5.45 p.m.

A despatch from Colonel Donb, U.S. Minister at Peking and Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, informs the U.S. Consul-General here that the French Minister has succeeded, as the result of his recent strong representations to the Tung-ji Yamen on the subject of missionaries in the interior, in procuring the issue of an order to the High Officials in every province in the Empire directing them to expunge from the various editions of the Chinese Code all clauses imposing restrictions upon the propagation of the Christian Religion in the Celestial Empire.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.  
RUSSIA IN KOREA.  
LONDON, February 19th.

Mr. Curzon, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that he could not state the details of the Russian occupation of Korea because he had no reason to believe any such occupation exists. No representations had been made to Russia on the subject.

BULGARIA.  
Prince Ferdinand has been recognised by all the Powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.  
H.M.S. Swift arrived here to-day from Pagoda Anchorage.

It is stated that Mr. Komura, Japanese Minister in Korea, will shortly quit Seoul on leave.

It is reported that the *Narcissus* will relieve the *Undaunted* in Singapore in April.

The Recreation Club proposes to hold its annual athletic meeting on March 21st.

The Diocesan School will re-open, and classes be resumed after the winter holidays, on Monday next, the 24th inst.

H.M. store-ship *Humber* returned to port yesterday from Nagasaki, where she provisioned the vessels on the Japan Station.

As will be seen by our advertising columns, Mr. H. Rattenjoe has landed a fresh stock of choice French sweets, which he is offering at reasonable prices, with 10 per cent. discount for cash.

The Japanese Government proposes, says the *Yuff*, to construct forts in the Straits of Gelyo at an estimated cost of over 2,000,000 yen, the work to be commenced in the 25th fiscal year.

The transfer of the Rifle Brigade from Hongkong to Singapore, announced some months ago, is now officially advised from England. The change is expected to be made about October or November next.

A Kowloon resident who preferred to believe his *chickens* could be the Police, and objected to the latter removing his private *chickens*, unattended, from the foopath, was this morning fined \$3 at the Magistrate's for obstruction.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, the ever-popular Willard Opera Company is billed to open here for a season of two weeks, in the Theatre Royal, commencing on Saturday March 7th. The "star" is Mr. John P. Sheridan, who is supported by an able company, including Miss Gracie Whitfield.

At the Summary Court this morning the following pieces of *usury* were unseized. A private of the Hongkong Regiment on the 10th inst. lent a Postoffice \$12, and received in return a note wherein it was "agreed that if not repaid within ten days the borrower was to pay \$30 for his loan." The \$30 was used to-day.

Mr. Justice Wise, to express his disapproval, ordered that the \$30 should be paid within 8 days, and the interest in monthly instalments of \$1 each, remaining, at the same time, that in the next case of the same character he would order yearly instalments.

The *Mercury's* Tientsin correspondent, writing under date of the 27th ult., opines that the recent diplomatic troubles besetting the railway scheme are due, at least in part, to the honesty with which the present managers are attempting to work. Wu Mouling, the present director, as soon as he assumed control, carefully examined the books of his predecessors, and found heavy defalcations. These he reported to Peking, whence the culprits had down to their protectors, who are striving desperately to screen their protégés. But as the matter has already reached the Emperor's ears, it is thought they will be severely punished.

On the 7th inst., whilst the steamer *Kyemon* was discharging at Penang, a boiler weighing about 20 tons, which she had brought from home for the steamer *Peggy*, the derrick broke and the boiler fell into the harbour, and both sank immediately in about 2 fathoms of water. No lives were lost and no one was injured. The steamer's agents are making arrangements to raise the boiler.

MEMORANDA.  
SATURDAY, 22nd February.  
The Traveller Books of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. close from this date to the 6th prox.

11.45 a.m.—Local Banks and Insurance offices close.

Non.—Jockey Club Races, 9.30 p.m.—Repetition of "Trial by Jury" by the A. D. C. at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

SUNDAY, 23rd February.  
Daylight—*Paras* leaves for San Francisco, via usual ports of call.

7 a.m.—English Mail due.

9 a.m.—*Hongkong* will proceed to Manila on an excursion trip, weather permitting.

ANOTHER Watch Company is to be formed at Onaka, to be called the Nippon Watch Company. The promoters are Japanese, and the amount of their capital will be 300,000 yen.

Some Chinamen who were refused permission to bathe in a particular well in Singapore recently, out of spite put poison in the water, possibly vitriol, so that the next comers were badly burnt and may die.

On the 6th inst. at 5.15 p.m. in Lat. 0 deg. 41' min. and Long. 102 deg. 41' min. east of Paris, the steamship *Godavari* reports having passed the steamship *De Carpentier* towing a Dutch sailing-ship, proceeding northwards. The latter showed the signals BQD, reporting all well on board.

Two Englishmen made a match recently to walk from La Turbie to Nice, the winner to take 2,500 francs from the loser, stake them on the road at Monte Carlo, and divide the winnings with his opponent. In half an hour's play, during which he won twelve times running on the red, he won 3,000 francs, the largest sum won in a single day this year. The winner is supposed to be Barney Barnato.

THE Japanese men-of-war that took part in the late war, are, according to the *Yomiuri*, being repaired in the naval docks at Yokosuka, Kure, and Sasebo, but as less than half of the total number are completed, the naval authorities have arranged to have the internal repairs executed at various private yards, the external repairs only being done at the State dockyards.

In response to several repeated enquiries from persons interested in the Kabin Mine, the *Siang Poo Poo* has been able to learn that \$30,000, the price of the mine, has been paid by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and is under the control of Trustees. The transaction took place at the end of October last, and persons interested may expect to shortly hear of the division of the purchase money among shareholders.

A TELEGRAM has been received from the Siam Exploring Company's London office to the effect, says the *Siang Poo Poo*, that until the Company's report had been examined the property at Sathuri no agreement could be entered upon for its purchase. It is, however, continues our contemporary, probable that the property will change hands before long if not to the Siam Exploring Company to another English Syndicate already in the field to develop mining property in this part of the world.

HONGKONG RACES, 1896.  
STEWARDS—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Aln. Buller, C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Wilson, C.B., C.E.; Commodore Boys, R.N.; Colonel Antey, R.E.; Major the Hon. E. Noel, 7th Rifle Brigade; Lieut. Col. F. Falkland, Buffs; Major W. D. Garnett-Bosfield, Buffs; The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; The Hon. C. P. Chatter; A. Coxon, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; C. F. Harton, Esq.; J. D. Humphrey, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; R. Shewan, Esq.; The Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

JUDGES—The Hon. C. P. Chatter. (M. Grote, Esq.; D. Landis, Esq.)  
STARTER—J. C. Pettit, Esq.  
HON. TREASURER—J. C. Pettit, Esq.  
CLERK OF SCALES—C. F. Harton, Esq.  
CLERK OF COURSE—T. F. Hoag, Esq.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.  
To-day was again far from an ideal racing day, the rain last night making the track slow and slippery. The ubiquitous Clerk of the Course, Mr. Hoag, deserves the highest praise for the care and attention he has bestowed upon the course, for it is only due to his efforts that the running so far has been a complete success.

The cold wind blowing kept many of the fair sex from venturing out, but the sterner sex, undeterred, turned up in greater numbers, and occupying the booths along the road. This afternoon the crush of vehicles eastward was very great, though, thanks to the perfect arrangements of the Police, under the personal supervision of Chief Inspector Corrigan, excellent order was maintained, the traffic being so directed as to entirely avoid inconvenience.

In Happy Valley, also, the Police preserved perfect order amongst the thousands of all nationalities and classes who witnessed the various events.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment, during the afternoon, by the courtesy of Colonel Faithfull and the officers, played in faultless style an excellent selection of music, as follows:—

March—"The First" Home.  
Overture—"La Chasse" Home.  
Valse—"Ramel and Greta" Buxtehude.  
Quadrille—"The Merry Dancers" Buxtehude.  
Pavane—"Mazurka" Chopin.  
Mazurka—"Mazurka" Chopin.  
Bourée—"Mazurka" Chopin.  
The racing programme was very exciting.

Although the fields, with the exception of the German Cup and Gynkhanas Stakes, were not very large. The Exchange Plate would have gone to the "blue and silver" but for Bellman throwing his rider at the top of the Straight this morning.

The Jockey Cup was won by Capt. Radcliffe very cleverly, and the Gynkhanas was won by the German Cup—the details of the events follow:—

THE SCORRY STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$10 each for China ponies *born* 1st January, 1896, weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's ch. Comet, 1st lib. Mr. Crawford 1  
Mr. John Paul's ch. Heatherbell, 2nd lib. Mr. Master 2  
Mr. Newman's g. Telegraph, 3rd lib. Mr. Burdick 3

Messrs. Alexander & Taylor's m. Grey Leg, 1st lib. Mr. Burdick 1  
Messrs. Alexander & Taylor's g. Son of a Gun, 2nd lib. Mr. Burdick 2  
Mr. Boyd's g. Plover, 3rd lib. Mr. Marshall 3

Mr. Derick-Hunter's g. Speedwell, 1st lib. Mr. Midwood 1  
Mr. Fourman's blk. Sepoy, 2nd lib. Mr. Jones 2  
Mr. J. D. Humphrey's g. Valiant II, 3rd lib. Mr. Hart Buck 3

After a couple of false starts, caused by Sepoy's desire to give effect to Scorpion's tactics, the field was sent away with Sepoy, hard held, in the rear. Going up the Back Straight, Sepoy drew up and the Rock was almost on even terms with the leaders. Comet and Heatherbell. He had, however, shot his bolt and being passed by the favourite, Telegraph, soon fell into the rear. Comet, well ridden throughout by Mr. Crawford, led into the Straight, and won as he liked from Heatherbell; Telegraph being a good third. Time, 2 min. 15 sec.

THE EXCHANGE PLATE, presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong, second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; *born* 1st January, 1896, extra; entrance \$10. One mile and three-quarters.

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Mr. J. D. Humphrey's g. Valiant II, 3rd lib. Mr. Hart Buck 3

Mr. Fourman's ch. Slaver, 1st lib. Mr. Burdick 1  
Mr. John Paul's ch. Heatherbell, 2nd lib. Mr. Master 2  
Mr. Newman's g. Telegraph, 3rd lib. Mr. Burdick 3

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Morton Jones, came off, alighting on the turf at almost the exact spot where Mr. Hoogh met with such a serious accident a couple of years ago. He soon got up, however, and seemed none the worse for the accident though his mount was dead lame and will probably have to be shot. Amistice won the race; Blue Green was second and Mr. J. D. Humphreys Variation a good third. Time, 2 min. 16 2/3 sec.

## TIPS.

"Early Bird" sends us the following tips for to-morrow—

## The Grand Stand Stakes—

Come! 1  
Heathcote 2  
Telegraph 3

## The Civil Service Purse—

Armistice 1  
Lightheart 2  
Chance 3

## The Challenge Cup—

Sinner 1  
Torlight 2  
Cobweb 3

## The Ladies' Purse—

Shiny William 1  
The Laird 2  
Black Velvet 3

## The Hongkong Stakes—

Slobad 1  
Straightforward 2  
Variation 3

## The Parrot Cup—

Kom tin 1  
Klinder 2  
Borow 3

## The Farwell Stakes—

Planet 1  
Bullinger 2  
Telegraph 3

## The Consolation Stakes—

Despatch 1

## The Champion Stakes—

Standard 1  
Pineapple 2  
Surprise 3

## The Nil Dispendum Stakes—

Spartan 1  
Albany 2  
Presto 3

## RE THE CHAMPIONS.

It is reported that Standard has suffered considerably from his exertions in the Derby, so much so in fact that he is slightly lame. If this is so his chances in the Champions to-morrow may be seriously affected thereby.

## THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

The following is the programme for to-morrow—

## The Grand Stakes, value \$200; second pony to receive \$50; third, \$25; for China ponies.

bona fide griffins on date of entry; winners of one race sibs extra; of two races 7/16; extra; and of three or more races sibs. extra; subscription griffins allowed \$5; entrance \$5. Once round.

## The Civil Service Purse; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1895-96; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners, 7/16; extra; penalties accumulative; entrance \$5. One mile.

## The Hongkong Stakes; a forced entry of \$1 for all subscription griffins of this season, 1895-96, entered at the meeting; first pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance fees with \$100 added; second, 50 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the German and or Tai Yank Fong Caps 10/16; extra, winners of any other race sibs. One mile and a half.

## The Parker Cup; presented; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7/16; extra; entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

## The Challenge Cup; value 10 guineas; for China ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; and third, 10 per cent. of entrance fees; weight for inches as per scale; entrance (forced) \$5; but optional to subscription griffins of this season, 1895-96. One mile and three-quarters.

## The Ladies' Purse; for all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 7/16; extra; previous non-winners at this meeting 1/16; extra; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

## The Phantom Stakes; value \$50; second pony to receive 70 per cent. of entrance fees; third, 30 per cent.; for China ponies bona fide griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 7/16; extra; penalties accumulative up to 10/16; subscription griffins of this season, 1895-96, allowed 7/16; entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in.

## The Consolation Stakes; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; second pony to receive \$50; for beaten China ponies at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.

## The Champion Stakes; with \$250 added; for China ponies winners at this meeting only; a forced entry; entrance \$20; winners of one race \$30; of three or more \$50; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and half.

## The Nil Dispendum Stakes; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$50 added; second pony to receive \$50; for beaten subscription griffins of this season, 1895-96; weight for inches as per scale. Half-a-mile.

## RACING CONFEDERACIES.

## CALCUTTA, January 31st.

A point which has recently been raised in our columns in connection with the sale of certain ponies in the lotteries over the last Myingyan Races appear upon a question upon which there would appear to be a very undesirable amount of ambiguity existing. We (Asian) have already dealt with the particular instance as ventilated by the Honorary Secretary of the Myingyan Races, but an answer to the question propounded a fortnight since will not, we fear, suffice to give the death blow to a practice which, apparently, obtains extensively on the Madras side and to Burma, to the malice retirement of turf interests generally. The question is simply this—Can a member of a racing confederacy run horses either in his own or an assumed name independently of such confederacy, whether in the same race or not does not matter? The C. T. C. and W. I. T. C. enactments which apply, and which follow the Jockey Club Rules on the subject, are perfectly explicit on the point and should leave no room for doubt. Moreover, a very little consideration of the matter will show that not only is the Rule based upon a very full and delicate apprehension of the requirements of turf morality, but is also well calculated, so long as it is adhered to, to prevent owners from any unfortunate "contingents" and racing is full of such pitfalls which might reflect upon the integrity of individual speculators. Rules any will be conceded even by those who do not under-

stand them, certainly not made for nothing, and there is a very solid substratum of reason underlying the rule in question, which we consider not only upsets the Myingyan Secretary's contention, but what is of infinitely greater importance must affect all similar cases. In this lies its interest to stewards and sportsmen generally, wherever confederacies figure among the declarations. For instance, supposing four men be confederates in equal shares to a horse, and one of them in addition thereto is an out-and-out owner of another. Now, although these two horses start in the same race, it is clear that, though the out-and-out owner has a quarter share in the confederacy, he is, assuming him to run straight, absolutely opposed to the interests of his confederate colleagues. This is plain; it lies on the surface, and requires no demonstration, and it would be idle to assert that a conflict of interests of this nature might not, under certain circumstances, lead to curious developments, racing men must surely see at a glance how the case stands, and indeed we should imagine that the other confederates themselves would hardly be in ecstasies with an arrangement which, on the face of it, gives them one possible share in the event against the other man's five, that is, supposing for purposes of calculation one reckons the out-and-out owner's chances as being four shares in his own private property plus one share in the confederacy. We have it on unimpeachable authority that no man can serve two masters, and although the fact of the out-and-out owner's extra interest is perfectly well known, and is "all fair and square and above board" as the phrase goes, he and his confederates show a singular lack of wisdom in being parties to an arrangement which places them in direct opposition to each other. This is where the wisdom of the Jockey Club Rules comes in. If observed, it quite puts out of court, so far as a rule can do, any suspicion of *male fides*, over-reaching, or those tactics which, however they may help a man's banking account do so at the expense of an overcast to his character. What the Myingyan Secretary says about Bangalore is true enough, and his remarks apply to other meetings as well, but this only emphasizes the need for reform in this particular. To some extent the readjustment of ideas lies largely in the hands of the confederates. Let it be thoroughly understood that all members of a confederacy run in the same boat, and if one man owns a horse for racing purposes, and one of them wishes to buy another, let him be No. 2 in their stud, and so on. If the other members of the confederacy are not rich enough to share the cost of No. 2 they can probably share a portion, and if they cannot do even this, the intending purchaser will be at no disadvantage because, without his partners, he is already prepared to invest in No. 2 solely in his own interests. Moreover, if he throws the animal into the confederacy, he has the biggest share in the syndicate, so that he practically loses nothing. The only other way out of the position is for the man who wants to race "his own" to retire from the confederacy. This done, a lottery difficulty, such as that which occurred at Myingyan, could not possibly arise, and the fact that it has arisen is not only the natural outcome of an arrangement which has its obvious disadvantages in the auction room as well as on the course, but is sufficient proof, if such were needed, of the folly of departing from the Jockey Club rules which lays down that "a person cannot register more than one assumed name at the same time, nor can he use his real name so long as he has a registered one."—Asian.

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Directors to the fifth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, on Saturday, 7th March, at noon:—

## To the Shareholders.

Gentlemen,—We have now the pleasure to submit to you the accounts for the half-year ending 31st December 1895 (those for the full-year ending 30th June having been sent to you in August last).

The additional profit earned during the half-year amounts to \$31,077.28, which, with \$40,502.16 brought forward from June, makes the total of undivided profits \$71,579.44, from which the Directors propose to transfer \$20,000 to the Reserve Fund and to pay the same dividend as before, *i.e.*, 2 1/2 per cent. at 3/16 (the prevailing rate in 31st Dec.) = \$7,157.44, which, when added to the sum of \$47,352.00, leaving the sum of \$54,512.84, to be carried forward to next account.

Mr. Gillies and Mr. Chow Tong Shang retire in rotation from the Board Office Board, and Mr. Battersby from the London Committee, and being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

Your obedient servant,  
HERN STOLTERFOHT,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, 11th February 1896.

## BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Capital, 750 fully paid Founders' Shares of £1 each (at par of 3/4) \$5,000.00

Capital, fully paid \$2,356,376 (at par of 3/4) 1,755,899.40

Reserve Fund 50,000.00

Notes in Circulation 454,795.00

Fixed Deposits, current and other accounts 2,354,60.39

On Dralls, acceptances & endorsements (Bills re-discounted) 2,674,693.67

Balance of profit and loss account 71,579.44

\$7,786,467.49

Assets.

Cash on hand and at Bankers \$768,882.03

Government Securities belonging to the Bank 176,272.30

Bills receivable, Loans & Advances 6,437,115.73

Furniture, Stationery and Stamps 40,319.44

Adjusting Account (Exchange and Interest) 363,652.58

\$7,786,467.49

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr. 31st December, 1895.

Charges, Directors' Fees and Salaries 56,555.95

Amount to be placed to Reserve Fund 20,000.00

Dividend Account, proposed Payment of \$1.75 per share on 40,453 shares, 2 1/2 per share at exchange of 2 1/2 47,352.00

Balance to be carried forward to next Account 418.84

\$128,134.39

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31st December, 1895.

By amount brought forward from last half year 50,000.00

Amount now to be added, as above 20,000.00

Total 70,000.00

Cr. To amount carried 70,000.00

Total 70,000.00

HERN STOLTERFOHT, Chairman.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

A. S. MANHES, Accountant.

KWAN HOI CHUNG, CHAN KIT SHAM, CHOW TUNG SHANG, Directors.

We have compared the above statement with the books, cash, and securities at the Head Office and with the returns from the branches, and have found same to be correct, and in our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Bank's affairs as shown by the books. The London Returns have been audited and certified by Messrs. Deloitte, Dyer, Griffiths & Co., Chartered Accountants.

JAMES H. COX, W. HUTTON POTTS, Auditors.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1896.

## LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

## SUPREME COURT.

## SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. Justice WILKINSON.)

February 21st.

## FIXTURES.

The following cases have been set down for hearing on the respective dates:—

Tuesday, 25th February.

168—She Min Chuen v. Lam Lai Yee \$30.00

Wednesday, 26th February.

7—Wing Chung Tang v. Tang Shun \$31.05

15—Wing Cheong & Co. v. C. Hold- (Interpleader Summons) 30.00

197—Tang Nam & Son v. Mak Ku \$50.00

Thursday, 27th February.

1717—Chee Son Kwong v. Cheong Kam Tin \$200.00

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs in the following cases:—

204—Leung Yash Sing v. C. Holds 15.00

214—Leung A. Lok v. Li Ching 45.00

219—Chen Hi Ting v. Lau Yek Shang 72.00

220—Heng Cheung v. Lau Yek Shang 47.00

221—Chen Hi Ting v. Lau Yek Shang 72.00

222—Gohp Singh v. Lo Tin 15.00

224—Yung Sau v. A. M. Baptista 11.20

236—Lau Hang Shan v. Lau Shi Lung 13.10

239—Gohp Singh v. A. M. Baptista 10.00

240—Gohp Singh v. A. M. Baptista 9.00

243—Leung Kwong Yin v. Coats 19.50

247—Shap- (Interpleader Summons) 1,000.00

248—Li Tik Ching v. Yai Siu Lung 1,000.00

249—Li Tik Ching v. Yai Siu Lung 1,000.00

250—Yee Wo v. Wei Lung 21.28

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

## MAILS DUE.

English (Rosita) 23rd inst.

American (Coptic) 23rd inst.

Indian (Arratoon) 23rd inst.

Canadian (Empress of Japan) 25th inst.

American (Dorcas) 25th inst.

American (City of Rio de Janeiro) 2nd prox.

Tacoma (Hankow) 11th prox.

Tacoma (Strathmore) 11th prox.

THE N. G. I. steamer *Lilimbo* left Singapore yesterday for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Amoy at 10 a.m. yesterday, and left again at 5 p.m. the same day for Shanghai.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, and left again at 11 p.m. the same day for Hongkong, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

## SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVAL.

Progress steamer, from Kobe. —Bangkok.

Tachikawa gunboat, P. Anchorage.

Aggregating 1,519 tons-register.

## DEPARTURES.

Stahan steamer, for Swatow.

Chunshun " " " " " " " " " " " "

Sabing Rickmers " " " " " " " " " " " "

Benledi " " " " " " " " " " " "

Ly-son " " " " " " " " " " " "

Aggregating 2,305 tons-register.

## HONGKONG AND WHARF DOCK RETURNS.

Chowfong " " " " " " " " " " " "

Coloma " " " " " " " " " " " "

Rong Bing " " " " " " " " " " " "

Kong " " " " " " " " " " " "

Tachikawa " " " " " " " " " " " "

Alcester " " " " " " " " " " " "

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for the change; we will tell you why presently. But he obtained no radicle heads, which also we will explain later on.

It appears that this gentleman had been weak and ailing lately all his life, not exactly ill, but wholly well—a condition that calls for constant caution. In March, 1890 he had a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs.

Now I want the reader to honour me with his best attention, as I must say in a few words what ought properly to be taken. Shoot an arrow into the air—straight as you can. You can't tell where it will fall. It may fall on a neighbour's head, on your own, or on a child's, or on the pavement. Every body's blood contains more or less poisonous elements. These are arrows, but unlike your wooden arrow, they always strike on the weakest spot, or spots, in the body. If they hit the muscles and joints we call it rheumatism and gout; if they hit the liver we call it liver complaint; biliousness; if they hit the kidneys we call it Bright's disease; if they hit the nerves we call it nervous prostration, palsy, or any of its other names; if they hit the bronchial tubes we call it bronchitis; *and, if they hit the air cells we call it inflammation of the lungs, or by-and-by, consumption.* And inasmuch as these poisoned arrows pass through the delicate members of the lungs a thousand times every day it would be odd if they didn't hit them—wouldn't it?

Now, wait a bit; it follows that all the various so-called diseases above named are not diseases at all in and of themselves, but merely symptoms of one only disease—namely, that disease which produces the poison! Good. We will get on to the end of the story.

After the attack of lung inflammation Mr. Malhuish suffered from loss of appetite, loss of sleep, slowness and stomach, and dangerous constipation. He could eat only liquid food and had to take to his bed. For weeks he was so feeble that he could not rise in bed. He consulted one physician after another, obtaining no more than temporary relief from medicines. Then he was ordered abroad as we have related.

His little conclusion in these words: "Whilst at Cannes I consulted a doctor, who said my ailment was weak digestion, and that I need not trouble about my lungs. But I never gained any real ground until November, 1891, when I began to take Mother Selig's Curative Syrup. This helped me in one week, and by continuing with it I got stronger and stronger, and am now in fair good health. This, after my relatives thought I should never recover. (Signed) Arthur Whildon Malhuish."

To sum up, this gentleman's real ailment was indigestion and dyspepsia, from which his blood poison comes that causes nearly all disorders and pains. The air of Southern France helped him temporarily, because it is milder than ours; it did not remove the poison. By care and the use of Mother Selig's Curative Syrup he would have done better at home, so the result shows.

So, we see that it isn't the climate that kills or saves; it is the condition of the digestion. If therefore your doctor orders you abroad for your health, tell him you will first try Mother Selig's Curative Syrup. —Asian.

## Intimations.

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